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IT IS WAR.

When the Ninth Infantry was ordered from Manila to Taku the Virginian-Pilot pointed out that it was an act of war by President McKinley, without warrant of authority or of known facts, and asserted that it would be followed by actual war with China. The swift progress of events is compelling the open recognition of the truth of this assertion. From one regiment ordered to China as a beginning and a "feeler," the administration has passed to 11,000 men, and as many more as may be necessary.

The Washington dispatches of yesterday declare that the "plans of the War Department for feeding the army in China are being gradually formulated." Soldiers going by way of Nagasaki are to carry rations for sixty days, and transportation for a "forward movement" is to be on hand. Manila is to be utilized as a base of supplies and a "transport will be put in service for a regular weekly run with supplies between Manila and Taku, which will form the base on Chinese soil." An American officer at Tien Tsin says: "There has been more real war here than in Cuba or the Philippines." If fierce fighting in the field, the dispatch of troops and yet more troops, the location of a base of supplies on the soil of a foreign country and the arrangement of lines of communication by sea and land, if these things do not constitute war, what is war?

This war was not begun by China. It was begun by Mr. McKinley. It is being carried on by him. It matters not what it is called—it is war. So far as has appeared China did nothing that could be construed as an act of war until her soil was invaded and her forts and armies fired on. The United States forces took no part in the attack on the forts; they participated in the subsequent fighting, the beginning of war between this country and China. The action of the administration cannot be justified, whatever the point of view. So far from contributing to the safety of Americans in China, it has increased their danger; it has angered, and justly, the government and people; it has increased the embarrassment of the Pekin authorities, already harassed and hard pressed in their attempt to protect the legations from the fanatical and maddened populace; above all, this action has been taken in violation of a provision of the Constitution so plain that a schoolboy could not mistake or misapprehend it. It is Imperialism gone mad. From war on the Philippines to uphold a sovereignty bought from a nation that did not possess it, we have been hurried into a war on Chinamen, and upon others if need be, to "protect our interests in China." What interests have the United States in China, beyond the American residents there whose lives this outrageous invasion has imperiled?

Surely the justification of those who stand for the Republic against the Empire has come swiftly. This is no mere matter of politics. It goes deeper. We are up to what shall settle for centuries. If not for all time, the fate of popular government. Whether it shall triumph or shall "perish from the earth" is a matter that it rests with the American people to settle by their approval or disapproval of a policy of absolutism and bloody aggression, deliberately inaugurated and maintained that syndicates may profit and that hungry heels may play the Neely. And all this in the name of progress, of civilization, of religion even! The cant and hypocrisy of it are sufficient to raise the gorge and make the contempt of the naked savage in the wilds.

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AS A MATTER OF MERE POLITICS

The whiners and malcontents, before the Kansas City convention, urged expediency as the reason why no silver plank should go in the platform; since the plank has gone in they base their lamentations on its expediency. This puts the whole matter on the mere ground of playing politics. If it be considered from that point of view, did the Kansas City convention play its hand so ill?

There are a great many voters in this country who believe in the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; they regard it as the paramount issue and they would not have voted the Democratic ticket had that plank been eliminated from the platform. How many Democrats of this kind there are we do not know. One thing, however, we do know—had the silver plank been left out, neither Populists nor Silver Republicans would have supported the ticket. There are in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 voters affiliated with these parties. Are they who are lamenting the silver plank as poor politics prepared to say how the Democrats could win without these 2,000,000 votes, or that they could win without them? It is easy to carp and complain—some people find it most pleasant as a steady occupation—but when it comes down to "brass tacks" where were 2,000,000 to be had to replace the 2,000,000 votes that the elimination of the silver plank would have lost?

Taking the 1896 alignment as a basis, we find that the Democrats must gain 48 electoral votes in order to have one majority in the Electoral College. Without a silver plank and consequent fusion the Democrats would have lost this fall, to a moral certainty, the following States that they carried in 1896: Nebraska, 8 electoral votes; Kansas, 10; Nevada, 3; Idaho, 3; South Dakota, 4; Colorado, 4; Wyoming, 3. Here is a loss of 34 electoral votes to start with; this added to the 48 votes needed over 1896 would make 82 electoral votes that the Democrats would certainly have to win somewhere. Where, may we inquire of the lamentations, would these very necessary 82 electoral votes come from? If the Democrats should have won New York, Indiana and Illinois by leaving out the silver plank they would have had but 75 electoral votes. We shall carry Kentucky in any case, and that would have given the requisite 82 votes. Maryland would also have given it. But can anybody guarantee that with silver eliminated we should carry Indiana, Illinois and New York? Or that we should carry Washington, Utah and North Carolina? It is the old case of the bird in the hand and the bird in the bush. The 34 votes would certainly have been lost; the 75 might or might not have been won. It would have practically narrowed the whole campaign down to New York State. And with the funds at their command, concentrated in New York, the Republicans would have carried that State.

From the point of view of expediency, of practical politics, of the "anything-to-win" contingent, it is by no means clear that the elimination of silver would have profited the Democratic party anything, or, indeed, that it would not have made victory next to impossible.

The official note of the Pekin government puts the case in a light that must appeal to every fair mind. It also shows that the Chinese are quick to see the advantage given them by the inexcusable attack on the Taku forts. They have put the Powers in the awkward predicament of being responsible by precipitate action for the attack on the legations.

It is reassuring to know that after violating the constitution by declaring war Mr. McKinley refrains from going ahead to levy the troops necessary to carry it on. Before doing this, on the eve of an election, he has thought it advisable to call a conference of Republican leaders in classic Canton, now the capital of the United States.

President Thuing has been telling the teachers at Charleston of the "satisfaction of being a College President." Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews will perhaps be able to contribute something worth hearing to the other side of the proposition.

The bacteriologists have found that only the spotted winged mosquito inoculates its victims with malaria. As a precautionary measure you should always examine the wings of a mosquito before being bitten.

From the fact that sundry Republican contemporaries have begged out that decrepit canard about "protecting American labor," it is to be inferred that Teddy's hat is discovered to need supplementing.

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